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Practitioner's Docket No.: 791_174

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of: Yasuyuki ISHIHARA

Ser. No.: 09/991,061

Group Art Unit: 1722

Filed: November 21, 2001

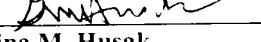
Examiner: Mackey, James P.

Confirmation No.: 3771

For: MOLD FOR MOLDING A TIRE

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 26, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

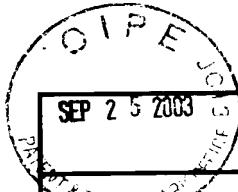
Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract are shown on page 9 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

Appendices A and B, including a substitute specification (Appendix B) and a marked-up specification (Appendix B) are attached hereto following page 13 of this paper.



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PATENT AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

(Provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 Apply)

Application Number	09/991,061	Filing Date	November 21, 2001
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Confirmation No.	3771	Attorney Docket No.	791_174
Inventor(s)	Yasuyuki ISHIHARA		
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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as follows:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

(1)	(2) Claims Remaining After Amendment	(3)	(4) Highest Number Previously Paid	(5) No. of Extra Claims Present	(6) Rate (Large Entity)	(7) Additional Fee
TOTAL CLAIMS	24	MINUS	20	4	\$18.00	\$72.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	1	MINUS	3		\$84.00	\$00.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$72.00

EXTENSION OF TERM

- Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.
- This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above-identified application. The requested extension and appropriate non-small entity fee are as follows:

- One Month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) \$110.00
- Two Month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) \$410.00
- Three Month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) \$930.00

TOTAL FEES DUE

\$72.00

- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is:

FEES PAYMENT

- No additional fee is required.
- A check in the amount of \$72.00 is enclosed.
- Charge Deposit Account 50-1446 in the amount of \$_____. Enclosed is a duplicate copy of this sheet.
- Please charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 50-1446.

Submitted By:

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